

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: 511[1].jpg

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1300196.012

Medium: Computer Image File Printout

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 10 April 2013

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 09 April 2013

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file printout is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports bestiality.

The image on the printout shows a woman engaged in sexual conduct with an animal. The image has no other purpose than the sexual titillation and arousal of viewers. The depiction of sexual conduct with an animal as a pleasurable form of activity breaks down the taboos that surround such acts and makes bestiality seem both possible and desirable.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's clear intention in s3(2)(e) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 that publications that promote and support bestiality will be banned.